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1. According to the mess record of 9 May 1951, the ration strength of the troops in the Pelius Kaserne, Potsdam (53/3 63), was 188 officers and 998 GCOs and FM. * Activities in the installation from 4 to 9 May were described as follows:

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4 May. Drill with 16 x 122-mm guns and 16 x 152-mm guns by trained personnel from 9:20 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; cleaning of guns by the trained personnel from 1 to 3 p.m.; physical training and individual drill without arms by recruits from 9:20 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; technical instruction of recruits from 1 to 3 p.m.; political indoctrination of all troops from 5 to 7 p.m.

5 May. Physical training by the trained personnel from 9:15 to 10:30 a.m.; fatigue duty by the trained personnel from 1:20 to 3 p.m.; bathing by recruits from 9:15 to 10:30 a.m.; instruction of recruits from 10:40 a.m. to 1 p.m.; drill with 4 x 122-mm guns by recruits from 1 to 3 p.m.

7 May. Maintenance work in the ordnance sheds by trained personnel from 9:20 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; guard drill by the trained personnel from 1 to 3 p.m.; drill with 4 x 122-mm guns by recruits from 9:20 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; technical instruction of recruits from 1 to 3 p.m.; indoctrination of all troops from 5 to 7 p.m.

8 May. Undetermined activities; with the exception of the fireman, no German employee was allowed to enter the installation.

9 May. Gun drill by trained personnel from 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; fatigue duty by trained personnel from 1 to 3 p.m.; individual rifle drill by recruits from 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; instruction of recruits from 1 to 3 p.m.; political indoctrination of all troops from 5 to 7 p.m. **

2. The records of the cooperative stores in Potsdam showed that the delivery of bread products to the Kavallerie Schule in Kragowitz and the Panzer Kaserne in Gross Glienicke stopped on 20 April. A driver stated that the troops from the installations had moved to the Magdeburg area and would allegedly stay there until September.

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3. A German woman worker stated that the hotel on Hesse Strasse billeted 560 officers on 28 April.
4. At about 1 p.m. on 1 May, about 1,000 troops of various branches of service, excluding air force and navy, assembled at Neuer Garten and marched into Neuer Garten in units of about 80 men each. When they left Neuer Garten at about 3:30 p.m., four units of about 80 men each, wearing black epaulets, marched toward Nedlitz.
5. On 6 May, the Ruinenberg Kaserne still quartered about 300 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with supply insignia. Passenger cars

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6. On 8 May, the Polizei Kaserne on the west side of Jaeger Allee was occupied by about 100 soldiers who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. The southern section of the installation housed a repair shop which employed German workers. Only 14 horses were in the veterinary hospital at the time of observation. were observed entering the billeting area.

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7. On 8 May, the Unteroffizier Schule on the east side of Jaeger Allee quartered only about 150 troops who wore black epaulets, some with supply insignia. Conferences attended by officers of all branches of service were held in the northern section of the installation on 5 and 8 May. No vehicular traffic was observed.

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8. The Adolf Hitler Kaserne on the north side of Pappel Allee still housed a military headquarters. Infantry, artillery, engineer, air force, and naval officers were observed there. Trucks were parked in front of the installation.

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9. The old section of the Luftnachrichten Kaserne, or General Wever Kaserne, in Golm was occupied by a Soviet artillery unit, and the new section quartered a German Volkspolizei unit. Only a small detail was quartered in the section of the artillery unit on 8 May. Gate guards wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. The garages were open and were empty. entered the billeting area. **

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* Comment. The ration strength was probably correct considering the number of troops fed there on 1 March 1951 plus about 180 recruits who arrived on 20 April 1951. See

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** Field Comment. The information on the Delius Kaserne and the Luftnachrichten Kaserne in Golm, as reported in paragraph 9, confirms the previous belief that, prior to early May 1951, only the unidentified artillery brigade in Potsdam-West moved to Altengrabow while the 30th Gas Gun Arty Brig was still in its quarters.


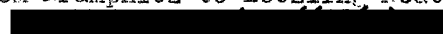
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***  Comment. The information confirms reports by other sources on the departure of elements of the 10th Gds Tank Div from Krampnitz to Letzling Heath at the end of April 1951. 

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